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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PDIP, DJ, KS, FR  
SUBJECT: BIO INFORMATION ON YUN SUK-HEUN

REF: DJIBOUTI 0444

1. THE ROK AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE IS FORMER VICE FOREIGN MINISTER YUN SUK-HEUN. THE FOLLOWING BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION WAS PROVIDED BY EMBASSY SEOUL AT THE TIME OF YUN'S POSTING TO PARIS IN FEBRUARY 1974.

2. AMBASSADOR YUN HAS LONG BEEN REGARDED AS ONE OF THE MOFA OUTSTANDING CAREER OFFICERS. HE WAS BORN 7 NOVEMBER 17, 1922 AND GRADUATED FROM SEOUL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY IN 1949. DURING THE KOREAN WAR HE SERVED AS AN OFFICER IN THE ROK AIR FORCE. IN 1953 HE ENTERED MOFA, WHERE HE WAS HELD A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT POLICY POSITIONS. HIS OVERSEAS ASSIGNMENTS HAVE INCLUDED TWO TOURS IN WASHINGTON, THE SECOND AS MINISTER OF THE ROK EMBASSY FROM 1963-66. HE HAS ALSO BEEN POSTED TO BONN AND CAIRO, AND IN 1967 HE WAS NAMED ROK AMBASSADOR TO THE PHILIPPINES, A POSITION HE HELD UNTIL 1969, WHEN HE BECAME VICE FOREIGN MINISTER.

3. DURING HIS LONG TENURE AS THE NUMBER TWO OFFICIAL IN MOFA, YUN HAD A MAJOR ROLE IN SHAPING ROK FOREIGN  
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POLICY TO FIT THE DEMANDS BOTH OF A CHANGING ENVIRONMENT IN ASIA AND AN EVOLVING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE UNITED STATES. COMPETENT, ARTICULATE, AND QUIETLY TENACIOUS, HE HAS COMMANDED RESPECT AS A ROKG OFFICIAL WITH WHOM FOREIGNERS CAN ENGAGE IN STRAIGHTFORWARD AND FRANK DISCUSSION OF ISSUES. YUN IS SOFT SPOKEN, INTELLIGENT AND UNASSUMING IN MANNER. HE HAS EXCELLENT WORKING

RELATIONSHIP WITH AMERICANS. HE AND HIS WIFE SPEAK  
EXCELLENT ENGLISH. MRS. YUN IS A PARTICULARLY WARM,  
CHARMING PERSON.  
HARTMAN

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